**SITES to use:**

The Virtual Scientist Guest Lecture Series: <http://www.ssrvideo.com/virtualscientist.html> - The **Virtual Scientist Guest Lecture** **Series** extends the educational scope of the **SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT** by bringing scientists into America’s classrooms in real time via the Internet. Using existing technology available through Skype, an internet based videophone service, **SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT** will arrange for scientists to participate in a "virtual" in-classroom visit without leaving their lab or research facility. The **Virtual Scientist Guest Lecture Series** allows both scientists and students to experience an interactive dialogue that inspires and engages students about dynamic cutting edge science research.

The technology requirements are minimal, requiring only that each participant (i.e. school and scientist) have a computer with high speed internet access, a high quality monitor, webcam, speakers and microphone. Skype software can be downloaded from [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) free of charge. As the liaison between the school, sponsor and guest lecturer **SCIENCE SCREEN REPORT** makes all necessary arrangements for the virtual visit.

"Virtual" visits last about 30 minutes in order to fit within a standard class period. The presentation format varies according to the preference of the speaker and educator but will generally include a presentation followed by Q&A. The classroom teacher acts as the moderator and oversees the necessary pre-visit preparation.

**The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC**): <http://www.cilc.org/collaboration_all.aspx?pad=me&page=3> is a portal to find other classrooms to collaborate with. Visit their home page for full details about what they offer for educators to enhance the collaborative classroom experience.

# [Taking IT Global](http://www.tigweb.org/): <http://www.tigweb.org/> allows students to address global issues with other students around the world. TakingITGlobal.org is an online community that connects youth to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and take action in their local and global communities.

# [SchoolsUnited](http://www.theschoolsunited.com/community/) <http://www.theschoolsunited.com/community/> lets schools connect to network and collaborate.

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